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SUBJECT: BOP CONSULTATIONS - BRAZIL

1. WE DISCUSSED MINI CONSULTATIONS WITH BRAZILIAN DEL
MAY 23 (BARTHEL-ROSA) AND INDICATED THAT U.S. INTENDS TO
ASK FOR REGULAR BOP CONSULTATION. WE INDICATED THAT U.S.
BELIEVED SIZE AND IMPORTANCE OF BRAZILIAN ECONOMY PLUS
SOME RECENT IMPROVEMENTS IN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS LEADS US
TO BELIEVE THAT FULL CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE DESIRABLE.
BARTHEL-ROSA SAID THAT HE HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS TO OPPOSE
A FULL CONSULTATION IF OTHER DELS REQUEST ONE. HE AGREED
THAT A CONFRONTATION ON THE ISSUE AT THIS TIME IN THE
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE HE THEREFORE INTENDS TO MAKE
PRO FORMA RESERVATION THAT BRAZILIAN ACCEPTANCE OF REGULAR
CONSULTATION DOES NOT PREJUDICE ITS POSITION IN THE MTN
FRAMEWORK NEGOTIATIONS ON BOP PROCEDURES. HE SAID THAT
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IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF U.S. WOULD SPELL OUT IN AS
MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE ITS REASONS FOR REQUESTING A FULL
CONSULTATION, AND WE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD DO SO IN THE
COMMITTEE MEETING. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE
CONSULTATIONS COULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE SAME VEIN OF
THOSE WITH PAKISTAN; THAT IS, THEY WOULD LOOK AT THE TOTAL
BOP PICTURE INCLUDING RESTRAINTS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRY

MARKETS ON BRAZILIAN EXPORTS.

2. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF BRAZIL DEL'S APPARENT RESIGNATION TO ACCEPT FULL CONSULTATION, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE ASK FOR FULL CONSULTATION IN BOP COMMITTEE MEETING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE FLEXIBILITY, HOWEVER, TO POSTPONE MINI CONSULTATION AT LAST MINUTE IF IT APPEARS THAT BRASILIA INSTRUCTS LOCAL DEL TO TAKE DIFFERENT LINE. BARTHEL-ROSA SAID HE WOULD INFORM US OF ANY CHANGES IN HIS INSTRUCTIONS.
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